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Dear Richard

Re: (GMC:MIC) ASTRA PHARMACEUTICALS PTY LTD
National Phase Entry of PCT/AU99/00422 In the United States
Title: PRE-FILLED CONTAINER
Your File: P40.2-9585
Our Ref: FF33365/00

Thank you for your letter of 24 January 2001 concerning this application.

The inventor continues to refuse to execute the declaration and it is likely that we will need to petition for additional time beyond the 22 February deadline.

The inventor did sign an assignment agreement in relation to the invention which is the subject of this application and we enclose a copy of the worldwide assignment executed shortly after filing the priority application PP3878 in Australia.

Please advise whether this document or a notarised copy of it could be lodged in place of the declaration. Alternatively if it is necessary for the declaration to be executed please advise what proof is required to support a petition. Would a statutory declaration made by an authorised officer of our client exhibiting a copy of the previously signed assignment and including a statement that the inventor has been contacted by telephone and asked to execute the declaration but has refused to execute the declaration be sufficient to meet your requirements?

You will note that the agreement previously executed by the inventor includes an obligation that the inventor co-operate in executing further documentation in support of applications for patent protection in relation to the invention. Notwithstanding this, the inventor currently refuses to execute the declaration required for the US application.

We await your further advice.

Yours faithfully
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Exhibit C